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## FORWARD TO THE FIELD



### A PROMISING GROUP OF CANDIDATES

Woodstock, Ont., will furnish a fine contingent for the Training College next Session. In the above photo are six Candidates, with Adjutant Raven and Captain Jones, the former Commanding Officers, and the Corps Cadet Guardian. The Canada West Training Session has already commenced. In Canada East the date of opening is set for October 3rd. There is still time for eligible young women Salvationists to complete their Candidature in time to enter the College. Apply at once to the Candidates' Secretary, Salvation Army Temple, Albert Street, Toronto.







# Latest Despatches From The Firing Line

## ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS

Conducted at Winnipeg, Ill. by Adjutant and Mrs. Habkirk.

The thirteenth anniversary meetings of the Winnipeg III. Corps were conducted by Adjutant and Mrs. Habkirk, on Sunday, August 11th. The Corps was opened by the then Captain H. Habkirk, Lieutenant W. Oake (now Corps Officer), and Lieutenant Clement

## STONE-LAYING AT PARIS

**LIEUT.-COLONEL CHANDLER PRESIDES AT INTERESTING EVENT—A FINE NEW CITADEL WILL SOON BE READY FOR USE**

WHAT will undoubtedly be one of the finest little citadels is under course of construction at Paris, Ontario. It will be ready for use a little over a year ago the old build-

high bank opposite. Genuine enthusiasm prevailed at the opening song by the Band led by the Adjutant, Adjutant Rayner (Galt) prayed that God's blessing might

## BRANDON ALDERMAN

Leads the Week-end Meetings at Portage la Prairie

A series of meetings was conducted by Brandon (Alderman) Galt, Dinsdale of Brandon, Corps, at Portage la Prairie on August 2nd and 3rd.

We commenced with two well-attended open-air meetings on Saturday evening, which were much appreciated by the crowds that stood around.

Sunday was an exceptionally busy day. Brother Dinsdale having been the Jail Sergeant for many years, could not resist going and speaking cheery words and singing Salvation songs to the prisoners in jail. All the prisoners enjoyed his visit to them.

There were good attendances at the open-air and indoor meeting on Sunday morning and a splendid time was spent. On Sunday afternoon, after a rousing open-air, we went to the Training School for Boys, where an enthusiastic meeting was held. My, what singing! It was delightful; every one was pleased with it.

At night the indoor congregation was splendid, and every comrade felt encouraged. A few instruments, numbering seven, furnished the music for the day, and the people were delighted to hear heart and music again.—B. B.

## NEW OFFICERS

Are Welcomed at Gannanoke Corps

Last week-end we welcomed to Gannanoke Capt. and Mrs. Thompson, from Coleman, Alta. Ensign Timmer and Lieutenant Madeline were warmly welcomed. The services conducted during the week-end by our new Officers drew a good attendance, those present enjoying the services. The Captain who conducted the Sunday evening service, gave a most stirring spiritual talk.

## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

Are Both Salvationists Now

On Tuesday, August 13th, we had Ensign Squarburgh with us at Moncton. We had a good time; God was with us, and we were greatly blessed. The Ensign's discourse was greatly enjoyed by all present.

One sister was elected as a Soldier. Her mother was enrolled last night. She brought her daughter to Jesus. As soon as she got right with God she got into heaven, joining the Life-Saving Guards and also the Corps Cadets.

On Sunday we were in the spirit all day, and at night Mrs. Adjutant Ellsworth gave a very powerful address from Daniel.—E. T.

## VISITORS AT BOWMANVILLE

On Wednesday, Aug. 14th, the Home League and Young Peoples at Bowmanville united for their annual picnic. A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the lake. After supper we had games till eight o'clock, when we returned home, tired but happy.

On the following Sunday three of the Oshawa Corps Cadets visited us and put in some good singing.



Lieut.-Colonel Chandler lays the corner-stone of the new Paris Citadel. can be seen in the photo.

Only a portion of the large crowd

ing was shattered by a gas explosion, resulting in a fatality, as well as a number of injured comrades. Thanks to the public, through the efforts of the Subscribers' Department, funds have been steadily coming in, making it possible for the ground to be broken and the foundations put in.

Our old friend and comrade, Brother McLaughlin (the contractor) had everything in readiness for the corner-stone to be well and truly laid on Tuesday, August 20th, consequently Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Clunder (the Divisional Commanders), with about seventy comrades from the neighbouring city of Brantford, invaded the town. The delightful weather, together with daylight saving, made it possible for the ceremony to take place in the evening.

A crowd estimated at five hundred persons gathered around, a considerable number being seated on the

## WEYBURN

On Sunday, Aug. 18th, we welcomed Captain and Mrs. Parsons at Weyburn. Good crowds attended the meetings all day. We thank God for the converts who are taking their stand.—M. N.

## WYCHWOOD

God was with us on Sunday and one soul knelt at the cross at night. We had a great march round the Hall. Last Wednesday thirty Home League members had a picnic to the Island; now they are getting boxes ready for the boys overseas.



## WEDDING AT VICTORIA

An interesting event took place at Victoria, when Adjutant Merritt just before leaving for his new appointment, united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Brother Dick Horn and Sister Sara Gay. Quite a number of comrades were present. Brother Horn has been serving overseas and since his

## THE AMERICAN ARMY

**AN INTERVIEW WITH MAJOR JOHN ATKINS, ACTING CHAPLAIN—OPENING A CANTEN WITH A MINIMUM OF EQUIPMENT—PRAYING WITH A PRISONER CONDEMNED TO BE EXECUTED**

Of all our Salvation Army Officers in France (says the United States "Cry") none has had so many memorable experiences as Major John Atkins, who has just returned to the United States to participate in the Chicago War Service Fund Campaign.

In earlier issues—months ago—we reported the fact that Major Atkins had been appointed as acting-Chaplain to the battalion of which Major Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is leader, and this office has taken him directly into the front line trenches and even into No-Man's Land. It can be well understood then that the Major has many amazing stories of horror in the midst of a hell of shell fire exciting enough to "make one's blood run cold" as they used to say.

## A Small Start

"I must confess," began the Major, "to a condition bordering very much on discouragement when my big chance came and I was sent to the regiment with which Major Roosevelt was connected, which had just arrived in France and was located in a training camp and was low on equipment and supplies. I had for my use only eight small tables, ten metal chairs, and a water pail of apples and this equipment was divided between three small rooms in different buildings."

"This is not what you might call labouring under favourable conditions, but we made the best of it and found that the little rooms became very popular with the men. The drainage in that vicinity was very poor so I found it necessary to dig trenches on two sides of the hut to provide for drainage. I had my 'chow' with the men of the regiment more than a mile away in a little woods. Here I held occasional meetings as the acting-Chaplain, and some wonderful services they were for all the boys were required to be present, and during the hour or less of the duration of the service, the men were certainly most respectful and in many instances really devout."

It was about this time that a very painful event occurred which gave me an opportunity for which I have been grateful ever since. The American papers, I understand, some months ago, carried the story of a young soldier who had committed a crime for which he was sentenced to be executed—the only soldier I think before we entered and I spent several hours with the soldier in a box car, with the

but others had told me that he had tried to plot with him in the matter of his relation to God, but without any response. I, however, asked permission to talk with the young fellow.

"I found him in the guard-house, manacled and looking very dejected. Other soldiers were there for various violations, but I took the young soldier aside and read from my Bible and prayed with him and finally, after having the pleasure of seeing the tears of penitence flow down the young fellow's cheeks, I prayed with him. While I prayed I felt the strong pressure of his hand on mine and I heard him rise and kneel beside me with the prayer for forgiveness upon his lips."

"The other soldiers stood around—many with tears in their eyes—witnessing this unusual proceeding, but I have real reason to believe that the young soldier had really found Christ. I saw him awhile before he went to execution, and there was a different light in his eyes. The colonel of the regiment noticed the change in the young man as he walked out of the guard-house and was so impressed with him that he asked the prisoner if he cared to say anything."

"In his last few words he thanked the officers of the regiment for their kindness and mentioned particularly the comfort and hope which I had brought to him. The next day happened to be in another part of the camp and one of the majors walked a long distance to see me and thank me for the service I had done for the prisoner. A few days later a major-general in charge of the division, in our part of the camp, on a tour of inspection, met me as I was carrying a bucket of water to the Hut and stopped me, saying, 'Major Atkins, read this up to me, you and to the Salvation Army for the work your Organization is doing. Go on as you have begun and if there is anything more we need we will see that you get it.'"

## Expected to Stick

"A little time later I met Major Roosevelt who spoke to me in a cheery fashion and said, 'Well, Major, we are going up to see you like to go with us? I told him I expected to stick to the regiment until they drove me off, and with a smile on his face he said, 'That's a bully! I could see his father in the smile and the exclamation. 'A few days later we were entrained and I spent several hours with the soldiers in a box car, with the

full equipment strapped to my back. It wasn't exactly comfortable travel, but I had a good chance to get acquainted with the boys. We landed then in the Toul Sector, and went almost immediately into the front line trenches. I took my place among the soldiers and slept in such little sleeping-time as we had in the line—one day that we were at the front in a dug-out, from which we had to pump the water before we could make a place to sleep."

"I learned that it was necessary to be tactful in regard to religious matters among the boys. Of course, there were all sorts of religions represented, and since it was my duty and wish to help all the men, I had to find ways of serving which would not offend any prejudices. Very much of what I reckon to be my most effective work was purely of a personal order, with a few words here and there directed at the heart of individual men. I have felt grateful to be able to read from their prayer books to Catholic boys who were injured or otherwise unable to read at the moment. Several of the boys have knelt in the front trenches while I have dealt with them and have made their prayer of penitence."

## AT FRESH AIR CAMP

Final Sunday's Meetings Well Attended and of Much Interest

The closing meetings of the season at the Jackson's Point Fresh Air Camp on Sunday, August 25th, were conducted by Captain Most and were attended by a large crowd of visitors from the neighbourhood, including a number of our Indian friends, also Officers resting at the Camp and the children. Special singing by the boys and girls was one of the features of the gatherings.

Brigadier Fraser, Captain Wilson, and Ensign Beer took part in the morning service, and Captain Most gave a talk to the children on "Little ways of bettering the world."

A beautiful influence pervaded the grove at the night meeting. Lieut.-Colonel Rawling's prayer strengthened our faith that God would visit and bless us. Mrs. Brigadier Fraser read the Scripture and spoke on the word "Watch." Captain Lieut. also spoke and Mrs. Mount solved. Captain Most had expressed the thanks of the children and adults to the Camp superintendents (Lieut.-Colonel Rees) for the excellent way he has looked after our interests on meetings for the season were brought to a conclusion. Amidst many expressions of regret the boys and girls returned to the city on Monday, benighted we believe in all the happy days they have had at this delightful spot.



The Home League Members of West Toronto with Captain Leach, Corps Officer, enjoying a Picnic at Centre Island







## PROMOTED TO GLORY

Brother Poyzer, Montreal V.I. On Tuesday, Aug. 6th, the Verdun Corps suffered a great loss when God called one of His most saintly followers and devoted workers to His eternal home, in the person of Brother Henry Poyzer, or better known to us as "Dad".

Brother Poyzer had been a great sufferer for a long time, being confined to his home, but the greater part of it to his bed for the past two months, but amid all his sufferings he was always cheerful and full of zeal for his Master's work, to the very last.

When comrades visited him, he always wanted to know their spiritual experience; never in any way alluding to their earthly experience, showing how entirely spiritual his thoughts were. No one that visited him came away without feeling that his or her experience was brighter by having come in contact with him. Previous to coming to Canada Brother Poyzer was a teacher in one of the Methodist Colleges of the Old Country. After coming to this country he was engaged for seven years in circuit work for the same body having thrown in his lot with The Salvation Army one and a half years ago.

The funeral service, both at the home and at the grave, was conducted by Ensign Pace, under whose Officership Brother Poyzer became a Soldier, assisted by colleague of "Dad's" in the Methodist Church, Rev. Deerpore. By our late brother's request we gave him an Army funeral.

The memorial service for our late comrade was held on Sunday night, Aug. 18th, and was conducted by Major Southall. The Major spoke very touchingly of our brother having gone to receive his heavenly reward, which we all felt sure was true. At the close of the service two backsliders returned to the fold. Brother Poyzer leaves to mourn his loss three daughters and three sons. Brother Poyzer having pre-deceased him some four months ago.

Brother Saunders, North Bay Death visited the North Bay Corps on Tuesday morning, July 6th, and very suddenly removed from our midst Brother Harold C. Saunders, aged fifteen years. Harold had been a Junior all his life, and at the time of his death was a member of the Men's Class connected with our Young People's Corps, and was shortly to be transferred to the Senior Soldiers' Roll. About five weeks previous to his death he, with three other boys, gave his heart to God, and since then his life and personal testimony have gone to show the power of God in the lives of the young.

Our young comrade went to his work on the night of the 18th unusually bright and happy, and while checking some rail between them, when they moved, one of them passed over his legs. We were summoned to the hospital, and were privileged to be with him to the end. He left a bright testimony that he was a true Christian, and was precious to Him in the home of his death. Bidding his mother not to grieve, he fell asleep, to awaken in the Glory Land.

We gave Harold a real Army funeral, which was conducted by Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Chandler, assisted by Ensigns Riches and Captain Wall (both of the Verdun Corps). At the memorial service, which was conducted by Ensign and Mrs. Riches, three young women gave themselves to God, saying that God will sustain the bereaved relatives.

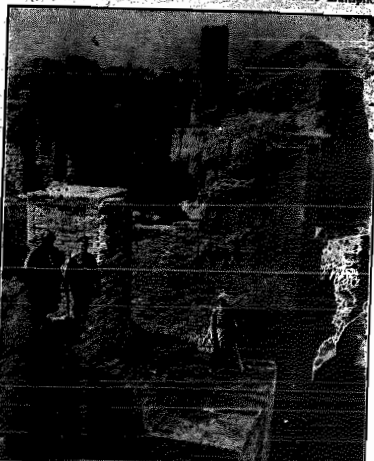
## MESOPOTAMIA

## PART I—ITS ANCIENT GLORIES

MESOPOTAMIA and its adjacent plains have been associated with the most important turning-points of history (writes Canon Parfitt). Geographically situated at the heart of the Eastern Hemisphere, these lands have frequently played a leading part in the world's activities. They have contained for millen-

who, largely on account of their superior knowledge, were able to conquer a country, whose inhabitants till then had used only asses and cattle for transport.

Philologists may rejoice while others will weep over the fact that in this plain of Shinar the Confusion of Tongues and the multiplication



"British Official" Photograph  
British soldier who is exploring the ruins, also the Babylonian  
bull on the brickwork

of dialects took place at a time when cuneiform characters become confounded and the dwellers in Mesopotamia were driven forth to colonize the continents.

But Babylon was also the mother of astronomy, and to her ancient systems of dividing the day we are indebted for the twelve divisions on the dial of our clocks.

The most curious ruin in Mesopotamia is the unsightly mound of Akker Kai, near Bagdad. The ruins are old, with the remote period of King Kargisius, who reigned in Babylon about the time when Moses was leading the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan. Those ancient mounds of Babylon, Assyria, Persia, Media, and Elam were great and powerful. In their day, exercising a paramount influence for many centuries over the major part of the world's politics, so that no other portion of the earth's surface has more constantly affected the history of mankind, or harboured for so long the forces that moved the world, than this land of Mesopotamia.

The extensive ruins of Assur, north of Tikrit; the mound of Nineveh, on the bank of the Tigris opposite to the modern city of Mosul; the ruins of Babylon, on the Euphrates; and the ruins of Cutha, all testify to the old-world glories of this wonderful land.

Excavating Palaces  
For nearly twenty years excavations have been busy attempting to uncover the brick palaces and temples of Nebuchadnezzar, but more than twenty years has been re-

quired to clear away the debris of the Assyrian palaces, and the ruins of the Nineveh.

Nebochadnezzar only lived for a few years, but his empire was the most magnificent of the world. He was the greatest of the monarchs of the world, and his palace, which he also called the military conquest of the world, was the most magnificent of the world.

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## WHAT'S DOING ROUND THE WORLD

## AN EDUCATIONAL FACTOR

THE remarkable achievements of a nation, most aptly describes the salient features of the Canadian Na-



Princess Louise Opens New Home in London (England) for Mothers and Infants

The Royal visitor leaving Lorne House No. 2, accompanied by Lady Frances Balfour, Mrs. Booth and Commissioner Cox. Children from "The Nest" act as a Guard of Honour.

national Exhibition, which was opened on Monday, August 26th, by Lord Shaftesbury.

Not only is Toronto's annual Fair the greatest educational factor in the Dominion (says the Toronto Mail and Empire), but it is the source of inspiration for agriculturists, manufacturers, artisans, and every one who takes a pride in the country, stimulating them to greater effort. This is true to a greater extent than ever this year, as visitors will readily admit after they have seen the wonderful evidences of the dawn of the new era, which is destined to place Canada in the forefront of the industrial nations of the world, in which woman is to play a mighty part.

## STRANGE TRIBES FOUND

AN exploring expedition into the interior of Venezuela recently discovered many strange tribes of Indians. The tribes are in constant warfare with each other. They live on the mountain heights in a land of perpetual mist, and although within ten degrees of the equator, it is extremely cold, especially at night.

## MUCH SUGAR SAVED

THE abolition of open sugar bowls in restaurants and hotels since the beginning of the sugar shortage has resulted in the saving of many tons of sugar—approximately half a pound a month for every customer—according to a statement issued by the Federal Food Board of the United States.

## POINTED QUESTIONS

Do you realize that one false step on your part will influence the destinies of many others?

Are you holding back from any path God is calling you to?

Has it dawned upon you what the eternal consequences of such a course will be?

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## PRISON FIGURES

THE average daily population of Canadian penitentiaries during the past year was 1,936, according to

## RESTORING DISABLED SOLDIERS

THE restoration of all the disabled soldiers to the economic life of their respective countries is a matter of importance to which all the belligerent nations are fully alive.

In Italy re-educational institutions for disabled and blinded soldiers are being operated at Rome, Milan, and Naples. Mrs. Vincenzi has founded one for Serbians. The Anglo-Belgian Hospital at Rouen, not to speak of similar institutions in Great Britain itself, is a vast workshop where skilled men are being turned out. More than forty trades and professions are being taught to hundreds of Belgian soldiers at Fort Vieux, near Vernon, in an immense domain offered for the purpose by Baron Bayeux.

In Germany a school for men who have lost hands or arms has been established at Heidelberg, and other institutions are situated at Berlin, Baden, Wurttemberg, and elsewhere. The work in Britain, France, and Canada is in an advanced stage, while a comprehensive study of the activities in this direction of all the allied nations is being made by the United States with a view to meeting the problem in the American republic.

## NO PLEASURE AUTOS

THE present situation in regard to steel and other materials necessary for war purposes has caused the United States Government to forbid the sale of pleasure passenger automobiles. The makers of such are advised to turn their plants into war work channels as soon as possible.

Everything in America is now being subordinated to war work and no doubt the manufacturers and their customers will how to the inevitable and accept the situation with good spirit, knowing how great is the need of material for the successful prosecution of the war.

## AMERICA'S BIG TASK

ON his return to Washington from France and England, Mr. Hoover (the Food Controller), said that America would share with the allies their sacrifice of food as well as blood in the cause of democracy.

To make good a pledge he had given to the Allied Food Administrators, America will next year have to supply the allies with 1,000,000 pounds of fats, 500,000,000 pounds of beef products, 500,000,000 bushels of cereals, and 1,500,000 tons of sugar. However, Mr. Hoover adds, a beginning in September, there will be no need for drastic food rationing in the allied countries, except in the case of sugar and beef.

## QUEBEC BRIDGE TESTED

IN the sight of thousands of anxious spectators, the Quebec Bridge, one of the world's greatest engineering feats, withstood the supreme test to which it was put when two huge trains loaded to capacity crossed the bridge. The approximately fourteen million pounds, steamed out over the central span, and their weight was allowed to rest on the span simultaneously.







